have augmented the number of Second Class unreserved coaches in many long distance Mail/Express trains on traffic justification and feasibility. Under the exiting system, it is not possible to provide sitting accommodation in Sleeper Class for day journey.

रेलवे परियोजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन हेतु विश्व बैंक से ऋण

4016. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी:

श्री कनकसिंह मोहन सिंह मंगरोला:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने हाल ही में विश्व बैंक से भारतीय रेलवे की पूंजी प्रधान परियोजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन हेतु ऋण देने का अनुरोध किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो जिन परियोजनाओं के लिये ऋण का अनुरोध किया गया है, उनका ब्यौरा क्या है तथा कितनी राशि का ऋण मांगा गया है;

(ग) क्या इन परियोजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन हेतु देश में धनराशि उपलब्ध नहीं थी;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ङ) विश्व बैंक से ऋण प्राप्त करने के लिये क्या शर्तें हैं; और

(च) विश्व बैंक ऋण से संबंधित औपचारिकताओं को कब तक पूरा किये जाने की संभावना है और इन परियोजनाओं का कार्यान्वयन कब तक शुरू हो जाएगा?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी. के. जाफर शरीफ): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) से (च) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Ticketless Travelling on the Nagpur Bhusaval Sector

4017. SHRI TULASIDAS MAJJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of instances of trains stopping and ticketless travelling occurred on the Nagpur Bhusaval sector during the last three year; and

(b) what steps are being taken to curb this menace?;

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) During the last three years there were 5558 instances of train stopping due to alarm chain pulling and 1688 persons were detected travelling without tickets.

(b) Various steps have been taken by the Railways to curb unauthorised alarm chain pulling and ticketless travel. These inculde regular, surprise/magisterial checks, publicity campaigns through different media, providing deterrent penalties in the Railways Act and blanking off of alaram chain apparatus on badly affected trains.

Inconvenience to Commuters for Reservations

4018. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that commuters are being inconvcienced/harassed because of inordinate time being taken in making rail reservations particularly during peak season;

(b) if so, whether steps are being taken to open more reservation counters at major stations to reduce the waiting time; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The waiting time for seeking reservations does increase during the peak season at important stations.

(b) and (c) Additional reservation counters are opened from time to time at important stations whenever considered necessary to facilitate the commuters in getting reservations without waiting for long period.

Assistance from Japan for expanding rail way services

4019. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan has offered assistance to India for expanding railway services and to bring improvement therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the suggestions and

recommendations made in the Fourth Meeting of the Indo-Japan Railway Task Force held in December, 1992; and

(d) the action being taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During the fourth meeting of Indo Japan Railway Working Group held in November December, 1992, the areas identified for the possible cooperation were, establishing of Research Wing in Workshops and Production Units, engaging an expert for the Calcutta Metro, seeking technology in the field of PRC OHE masts, optic fibres, 3phase EMU, OHE maintenance and also training of Indian Engineers.

(d) Three Railway engineers have been trained in Japan under this cooperation programme. Project proposals for seeking cooperation in the field of overhead equipment maintenance and optic fibre technology for block and control communication have been sent to Japanese Government.

Construction of New Station Building at Vadodara

4020. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJI RAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foundation of the new station building at Vadodara on western Railway was laid in December, 1988;

(b) if so, what is the progress in construction thereof;

(c) the reasons for inordinate delay in construction thereof;

(d) whether this delay is coming in the way of industrial and other development of Vadodara; and

(e) what is the planned schedule for construction of the new building?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (e) Although the foundation stone for the construction of a new station building on the West side at Vadodara was laid in December 1988, the proposal was dropped on reconsideration. However, an entry from the West side has been provided by extending the foot-over bridge and constructing a booking office. With the provision of two Computerised Passenger Reservation terminals in the City and one at the station, need for further augmenting the facilities by provision of a new station building on the West side does not exist at present.

Market price of Surplus Railway land in Gujarat

4021. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government insist for prevailing market price for the surplus land of the railway of Jamnagar—Surendrananagar cities of Gujarat State;

(b) whether it seems reasonable for claiming market value when the lands in question has been allotted to the railway free of cost at the time of the princely States;

(c) whether the Central Government intend to solve the problem by agreeing to part with the land either free of cost or on normal rate; and

(d) whether the Central Government intend to solve this long standing problem at an earliest date?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The extent rules do not permit relinquishment of surplus railway land without realization of the current market value of land.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. However, this depends on the State Government's acceptance of the conditions for relinquishment of railway land.

Survey for new railway lines in Uttar Pradesh

4022. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey for new railway lines has been conducted in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.